Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 19 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 Mar 2021 at 15:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry, settled weather for the rest of this week and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day cloud detail.

Headline for Thursday 18 Mar 2021: Dry. Some mist and low cloud in the morning, lingering towards west coast. Sunny spells developing inland.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 Mar 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: It will be a dry day with mist and low cloud across many ranges at first, becoming mostly confined hills of west Argyll during the morning. Otherwise becoming brighter with sunny spells developing during the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% over hills towards West Coast. Improving 80% well inland during the morning.

Visibility: Misty conditions at first with banks of cloud well down the hills, especially towards West Coast. Visibility becoming generally good during morning with clouds lifting and breaking up well inland. However some patches of mist and low cloud will linger all day over Mull, Lochaber and west Argyll.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/22 W	23/27 W	24/28 N	26/31 N	28/35 NW	26/32 N	28/34 N	28/34 N	27/34 NE
900	8/11 NW	10/13 NW	11/15 NW	12/16 NW	13/18 N	15/21 NW	14/19 N	15/20 N	17/22 N
600	9/11 SW	11/14 SW	10/14 W	10/14 W	13/18 NW	12/18 NW	11/15 N	12/16 N	15/20 NE
300	4/6 N	6/8 S	5/9 NW	7/11 N	10/16 NW	10/16 NW	8/13 N	9/14 N	9/14 N
Glen	6/12 W	6/12 W	6/12 W	9/16 NW	10/16 NW	11/18 NW	8/15 NW	5/10 N	6/11 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-1	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	3/-3
900	5/2	4/0	3/-1	3/-1	4/0	5/0	5/1	4/-0	3/-2
600	6/3	5/2	5/2	5/2	6/3	7/4	6/3	6/3	5/1
300	7/5	6/4	6/4	7/5	9/6	10/7	8/6	7/4	6/4
Glen	8/6	7/6	8/6	9/7	11/9	12/9	10/8	8/7	7/6
Freezing Level*	2000m	1900m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1800m	1900m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold on the tops with fresh winds and temperatures of only 2 or 3 Celsius.

Forecast for Friday 19 Mar 2021
Weather: Mainly dry with mist and low cloud lifting and dispersing to leave sunny spells. Just a few mist patches lingering towards West Coast.

Maximum wind: Light northerly winds, average speeds of 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% improving 70% during the morning.

Visibility: Patches of mist and low cloud at first, mostly lifting and dispersing during the morning. Otherwise good visibility with occasional cloud cover about 700 to 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the tops.

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